

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1-3 and 5-19 are pending in the present application. Claim 1-3, 6-9, 12 and 13 have been cancelled while claim 20 has been added. Claims 1-2, 6, 8-11 and 14-19 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Coss. Claim 5 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Gillespie. Claim 3 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Coss. Claims 7 and 12-13 were objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Applicant respectfully traverses all rejections.

Dependent claims 7 and 12-13 were considered allowable subject matter by the Examiner. Consequently, claim 7 has been amended into independent claim 5 while dependent claim 12 has been amended into independent claim 10 and new independent claim 20 has been added that represents independent claim 10 with the addition of dependent claim 13. As such, claims 1-3, 6-9, and 12-13 have been cancelled. Thus, because claims 11 and 14-19 depend upon claim 10, all pending claims are considered allowable subject matter. Thus, all pending claims have either been considered allowable subject matter by the Examiner or depend on independent claims that are considered allowable subject matter by the Examiner. Consequently, Applicant respectfully requests a notice of allowance.

CONCLUSION

If any issues remain that may be expeditiously addressed in a telephone interview, the Examiner is encouraged to telephone the undersigned at 515/558-0200.

Reply to office action dated October 25, 2006

All fees or extensions of time believed to be due in connection with this response are attached hereto; however, consider this a request for any extension inadvertently omitted, and charge any additional fees to Deposit Account 50-2098.

Respectfully submitted,



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